

Māori Distance Student Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Māori Distance students

Level of Study

Undergraduate and Postgraduate

Purpose

The Māori Distance Student Scholarship supports Ākonga Māori undertake study by distance mode.

Background

The Extramural Student Support Trust (ESST) was established in 2011 through a founding grant from the Extramural Students' Society (EXMSS), in recognition of the unique needs of distance students undertaking study at Massey University. The Trust is held in perpetuity by the Massey University Foundation to provide financial assistance, scholarships, and bursaries to distance students. Awards are made at least once a year, with the selection process administered by Massey's Scholarships Office on the recommendation of the Trust. These scholarships and bursaries reflect the Trust's enduring commitment to supporting the academic journeys of students who study primarily by distance.

Value and Tenure

The value of the award is dependent on the available funds and is typically \$2,000. The value may be adjusted to reflect the enrolment load of the recipient. The tenure is one year.

Typical Number on Offer

The number of awards varies, normally 2 awards will be available annually.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents with whakapapa Māori
- studying at Massey University, primarily by distance mode

- enrolled in full time or part time study by distance mode in the year of award

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on the following attributes:

- Commitment to study while navigating cultural, whānau, and community obligations (e.g. tangihanga, Kaupapa Māori responsibilities, iwi roles).
- Engagement with Te Ao Māori in ways that are meaningful to the individual, rather than formal leadership or visibility.
- Demonstrated resilience in maintaining enrolment and passing courses despite systemic or personal barriers.

Selection Committee

The selection will be made by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of the Extramural Student Support Trust (ESST).

Conditions of the Scholarship

The scholarship is not tenable with the Distance Undergraduate Scholarship, Distance Postgraduate Scholarship, or the Parents Bursary for Distance students, but may be tenable with other scholarships or bursaries.

Payment will be made in one instalment.